

FISCAL NOTE

SB 763 - HB 619

February 27, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that when any school or school board authorizes the employment of inmates on work detail in or around a public school, the use of such inmates shall be restricted to only those periods before or after school hours, or when school personnel and children can reasonably be expected to be absent from the buildings and premises.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Such increase will depend upon the extent to which LEAs must hire outside contractors to have work done on or around school property which would have been done by inmate labor, in absence of the bill.

In the Metropolitan Davidson County school system, minimum security inmates doing community service work for the Sheriff's Department are allowed to access school property during school hours to mow, do general cleanup, etc. while children are in class. Scheduling of work is coordinated with the principal of the school to ensure that inmates and children are not in the same area at the same time. Using inmate labor during non-school hours only would require the scheduling of additional staff time for correctional personnel to supervise inmates.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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